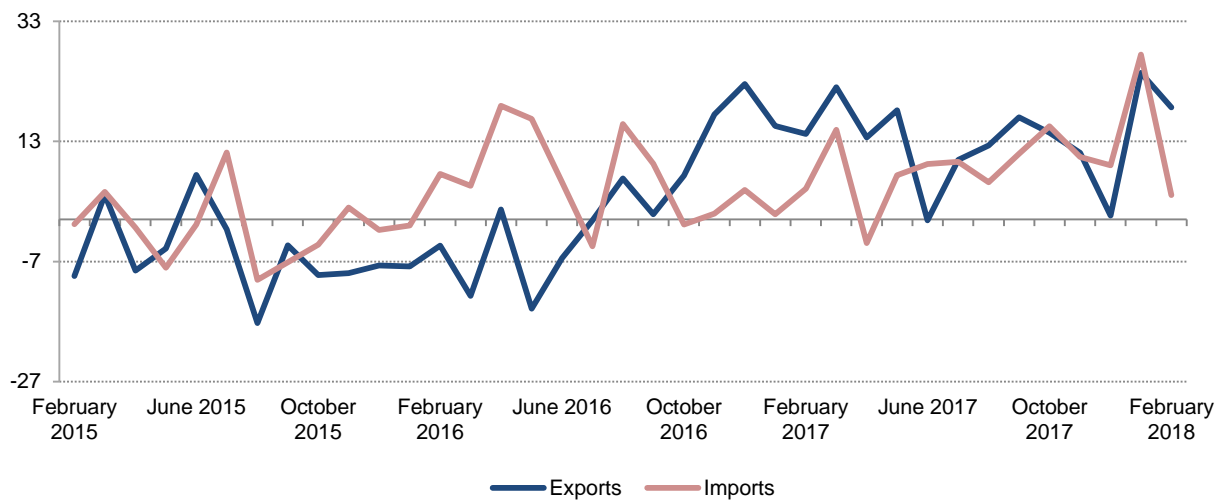


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## February 2018

**Tirana, March 19, 2018:** On February 2018 the value of exports was 24 billion lekë, increasing by 18.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 1.2 % compared with January 2018. The value of imports in February 2018, was 46 billion lekë, increasing by 4.1 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 2.1 % compared with January 2018. This month the trade deficit is 22 billion lekë signing an decrease by 8.2 % compared with February 2017 and an increase by 3.0 % compared with January 2018.

**Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)**

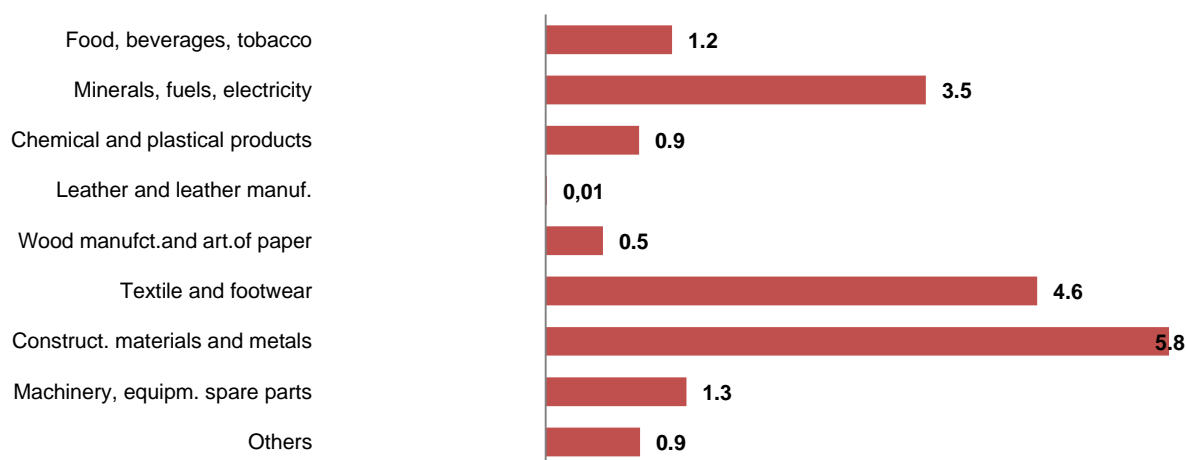


In the first two months of 2018, the value of exports was 47 billion lekë, increasing by 21.5 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 91 billion lekë, increasing by 14.5 %. Trade deficit was 43 billion lekë, increasing by 7.6 % compared with the same period of 2017.

### The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 18.7 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +5.8 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +4.6 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +3.5 percentage point ". No group affected negatively in the annual change of exports.

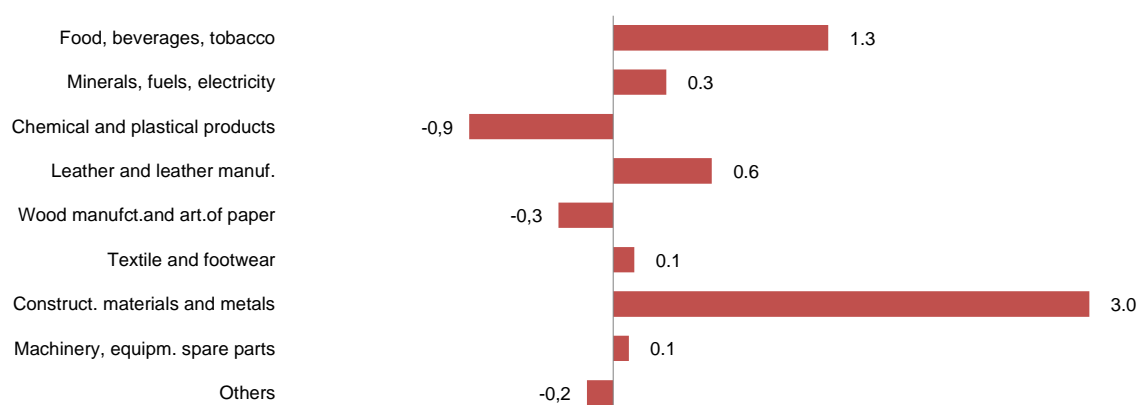
**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , February 2018**



Exports in the first two months of 2018 are increased by 21.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. All groups affected positivity in annual increase of exports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: "Construction materials and metals" with +8.1 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with +6.3 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +1.9 percentage point.

### The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:

In annual increase of imports by 4.1 % in February 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +3.0 percentage point, "Food, beverage, tobacco" with +1.3 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with +0.6 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.9 percentage point and "Wood manufactories and article of paper" with -0.3 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , February 2018**

In the first two months of 2018, imports are increased by 14.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. During the first two months of 2018 all groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, who the groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +5.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +3.1 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +2.6 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

In February 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to February 2017 are: Italy with (9.2 %), Spain with (138.2 %) and Germany with (25.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with (-16.1 %), Macedonia with (-29.8 %) and Serbia with (-1.5 %).

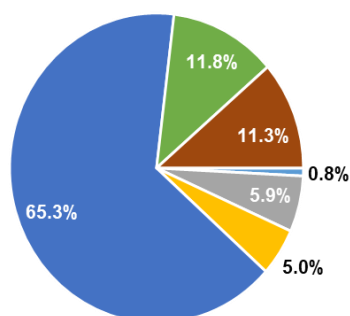
During the two months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (7.7 %), Spain with (126.8 %) and Kosovo with (7.4 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Romania with (-3.8 %), France with (-22.4 %) and Hungary with (-15.5 %).

In February 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to February 2017 are: Italy with (5.9 %), Greece with (14.8 %) and France with (77.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Turkey with (-2.0 %), China with (-54.0 %) and Germany with (-10.9 %).

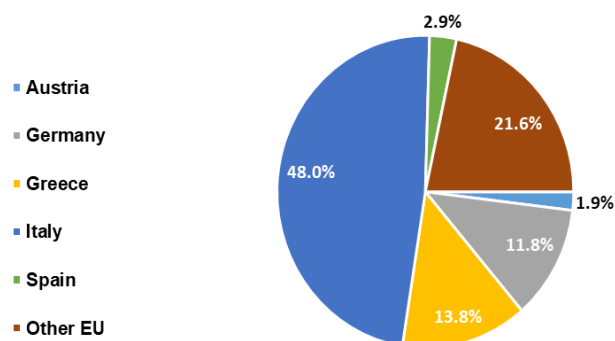
During the two months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (10.0 %), and Greece with (26.6 %) and Turkey with (16.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: USA with (-4.8 %), South Korea with (-52.8 %) and Vietnam with (-5.7 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, February 2018

## Exports



## Imports



Trade with the EU countries is 67.9 % of total trade. In February 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 79.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.1 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (37.3 %), Greece (7.0 %), Germany (6.4 %) and China (6.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in twomonths 2018 is 67.5 % of total trade. In the first two months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 80.4 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 60.7 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (36.4 %), Greece (7.0 %), China (6.4 %) and Germany (6.3 %).

**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)**

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37	-23.5	157	-1.5	-120	23.6
2001		44	19.1	190	21.0	-146	23.2
2002		47	7.7	210	10.6	-163	22.6
2003		54	14.7	226	7.4	-172	24.1
2004		62	14.0	236	4.5	-174	26.3
2005		66	6.0	262	11.1	-196	25.1
2006		77	17.6	299	14.1	-222	25.9
2007		97	25.5	376	25.8	-279	25.8
2008		113	15.8	440	16.9	-327	25.6
2009		105	-7.2	429	-2.5	-324	24.4
2010		162	54.6	478	11.4	-316	33.8
2011		197	21.9	544	13.9	-347	36.2
2012		213	8.2	528	-2.9	-315	40.3
2013		246	15.7	517	-2.1	-271	47.6
2014		256	3.8	552	6.7	-296	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-302	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	47.0
	02 - 16	18	-4.4	42	7.6	-24	42.0
	January – February 2016	34	-6.0	77	3.5	-43	44.3
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	January – February 2017	39	14.9	79	3.2	-40	49.3
2017	01 - 17	24	24.4	45	27.4	-21	52.5
	02 - 17	24	18.7	46	4.1	-22	52.1
	January – February 2018	47	21.5	91	14.5	-43	52.3

**Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)**

	Exports				Imports			
	Feb-17	Feb-18	Jan-Feb2017	Jan-Feb 2018	Feb-17	Feb-18	Jan-Feb2017	Jan-Feb 2018
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>15,681</b>	<b>18,882</b>	<b>31,444</b>	<b>38,096</b>	<b>27,171</b>	<b>28,417</b>	<b>47,971</b>	<b>55,048</b>
Austria	69	156	155	332	372	540	642	910
United Kingdom	15	39	53	80	385	470	698	821
Germany	878	1,105	1,613	2,332	3,774	3,361	6,258	6,368
Greece	920	937	1,655	2,130	3,409	3,912	6,001	7,595
Italy	11,284	12,323	23,027	24,802	12,870	13,630	23,092	25,392
Spain	933	2,223	1,812	4,109	819	833	1,417	1,778
Croatia	50	64	91	118	324	743	582	1,158
Others of EU	1,532	2,036	3,037	4,192	5,219	4,928	9,281	11,027
China	709	890	1,310	1,620	3,525	3,383	6,911	7,227
Kosovo	1,451	1,217	2,392	2,570	505	472	856	881
Macedonia	608	426	885	918	562	557	904	1,033
Russia	6	6	6	6	407	1,035	1,314	1,662
USA	95	395	244	852	572	604	1,424	1,356
Turkey	172	106	279	210	3,539	3,470	6,290	7,340
Ukraine	42	24	122	24	251	322	540	395
Switzerland	192	562	268	668	755	525	1,190	2,297
Others	1,139	1,340	2,074	2,441	6,701	6,994	11,775	13,380
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,095</b>	<b>23,848</b>	<b>39,024</b>	<b>47,404</b>	<b>43,988</b>	<b>45,779</b>	<b>79,174</b>	<b>90,620</b>

**Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Feb-17	Feb-18	Jan-Feb2017	Jan-Feb 2018	Feb-17	Feb-18	Jan-Feb2017	Jan-Feb 2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,095</b>	<b>23,848</b>	<b>39,024</b>	<b>47,404</b>	<b>43,988</b>	<b>45,779</b>	<b>79,174</b>	<b>90,620</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,571	1,807	2,841	3,589	7,040	7,628	13,858	15,014
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,667	4,378	7,589	7,984	4,142	4,288	7,535	11,514
Chemical and plastical products	299	473	544	798	6,659	6,266	12,101	12,110
Leather and leather manuf.	207	209	383	465	1,159	1,429	2,256	2,620
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	606	713	1,175	1,423	1,698	1,548	2,761	3,180
Textile and footwear	9,116	10,033	18,137	20,599	6,599	6,657	12,002	12,913
Construct, materials and metals	3,141	4,305	5,512	8,660	4,745	6,047	8,382	10,839
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,001	1,264	1,881	2,588	10,110	10,153	17,138	19,174
Others	488	665	962	1,297	1,835	1,764	3,143	3,256

**Tab.4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,027</b>	<b>24,802</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>4,109</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>2,332</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	970	1,267	120	130	244	242	227	228
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,276	537	1,342	3,392	1,044	185	427	330
Chemical and plastical products	208	239	0	10	121	116	2	6
Leather and leather manuf,	300	371	3	24	-	1	0	1
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	886	1,025	1	281	52	67	19	22
Textile and footwear	14,458	16,039	273	217	13	15	790	1,359
Construct, materials and metals	2,224	3,047	72	48	688	1,694	42	92
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,224	1,581	0	2	76	97	81	173
Others	479	697	0	6	156	152	25	120

**Tab. 5 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Turkey		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,092</b>	<b>25,392</b>	<b>6,001</b>	<b>7,595</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>6,911</b>	<b>7,227</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,384	2,643	1,814	2,195	770	791	121	87
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,311	2,105	917	1,625	170	60	1	0
Chemical and plastical products	2,503	2,286	1,054	968	962	1,032	767	781
Leather and leather manuf,	1,789	2,051	5	11	41	32	96	124
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	864	1,022	319	429	331	400	171	165
Textile and footwear	6,080	6,582	515	586	2,060	2,276	1,622	1,535
Construct, materials and metals	2,388	2,994	831	1,206	779	1,522	908	967
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,088	4,904	308	372	838	902	2,506	2,925
Others	685	806	238	204	339	325	718	642

# DEFINITIONS

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing,

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier,

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control,

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country,

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs,

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## **Monthly revisions**

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

## **Explanation of Symbols**

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